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TOPIC Military Information from Templin

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1

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DATE PREPARED 3 October 1952

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. During the period from 23 to 29 August, no incoming or outgoing shipments of troops were observed at the railroad stations of Vogelsang and Hammelspring at the Templin troop training grounds. Training activity in the vicinity of the camps included marches in groups up to 100 men carrying field pack, gasmasks and small arms, gun drill with up to 4 x 37-mm AA guns and rocket launchers. Motor vehicles observed driving to, or from the area,

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2. On 23 August, 80 to 90 new [REDACTED] trucks were unloaded at the Templin railroad station and driven to the summer camp. On 25 August, about six T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] were unloaded and driven to the summer camp. At 3 p.m. on 26 August, a freight train carrying 12 trucks [REDACTED] passed through the Templin railroad station from the direction of Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 62) and proceeded toward Eberswalde (N 53/V 08). At 11 a.m. on 29 August, trucks [REDACTED] were loaded at the Templin railroad station under the supervision of soldiers who drove jeep [REDACTED]

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25X1 4. The factory-new trucks which were unloaded at the Templin railroad station during the week from 10 to 17 August were seen on a parking lot west of the Templin-Harnelspring road on the Kannenburg-Templin road fork during the period from 19 to 30 August. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] During the time from 7 to 12 p.m. on 26 August, about 35 trucks and 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded at the Templin railroad station. [redacted]

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5. On 29 and 30 August, labor details removed tree stumps in a clearing 2 km south of Vietmannsdorf, east of the Vogelsang railroad station. (4)

[redacted] 6. On 15 August, a unit of company strength made a practice attack with flame-thrower support against fortified field positions in the area east of Harsdorf, north of Camp Vogelsang. Six men each carrying a flame thrower, advanced as an assault force on a front of about 200 meters. Each soldier carried two containers on his back, a small one on top and a bigger one below. A steel hose with spray nozzle was attached below the larger container and was carried under the right arm. The fire spurts lasted 1 to 2 seconds and had a range of 30 to 40 meters. Their fire accuracy was very good. Two bunkers were set afire. The flame throwers were followed by two soldiers, each with a plank of about 1.50 meters which [redacted] were elongated charges. About 150 meters to the rear [redacted] a deployed formation of about 70 to 80 soldiers followed. They advanced in a leap-frog movement. (5)

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[redacted] 7. In the evening of 8 August, 45 new trucks were unloaded at the Templin railroad station. On 9 August, 35 new trucks were loaded. On 14 August, between 35 and 40 new trucks were unloaded.

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25X1 [redacted] Comments.

(1) The motor vehicle [redacted] confirm units of the 25th Tank Div and the 6th Gds Mecz Div as well as headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army as stationed at the Templin troop training grounds until 29 August. No major field exercises exceeding battalion level were seen at this troop training grounds until late August.

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- 25X1 (2) The motor vehicles on the train on 26 August and those loaded on
29 August are believed to belong to the 6th Gds Mech Div.
- 25X1 (3) The exercises in the Rutenberg area, according to the motor vehicle
[redacted] and the tank turret [redacted] were held by units of the 9th Gds
Tank Div from Neustrelitz and Neubrandenburg. Divisional units had
practiced there in late February and early March.
- (4) A Soviet airfield is under construction on the clearing south of
Vietmannsdorf.
- (5) Flame throwers have hitherto been seen only occasionally participating
in exercises. It is undetermined whether these are organic elements
of infantry units.
- (6) Garages and provisional quarters at the Kannenburg Lock were previously
believed to belong to Camp Hammelspring. No definite information on
additional constructions in that area is available. It is undetermined
whether Camp Hammelspring will actually be used as winter quarters.

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